

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 7, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 27 as follows:

Figure 4a shows the results of the determination of procalcitonin in septic sera and normal sera ~~in comparison with results of the determination of a further prohormone, namely pro-gastrin-releasing peptide (proGRP), in the same sera;~~

Figure 4b shows the results of the determination of a prohormone, namely pro-gastrin-releasing peptide (proGRP), in the same sera for comparison with the results in Figure 4a;